

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #86A-19 Building Date: ca. 1920
Building Name: H.H. Sasscer House
Location: 13120 Molly Berry Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The H. Harrison Sasscer House is a two-and-one-half-story frame house, set at the corner of a field near the intersection of Molly Berry and Candy Hill Roads, in the area known as North Keys. It is a front gabled structure, three bays by four bays, with a shed-roofed rear kitchen wing. Entrance is in the first bay of the west gable end of the main block. Across this gable end runs a one-story shed-roofed porch with turned bracketed posts. The building is sided with rectangular lapped shingle painted beige. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash, with plain board surrounds painted dark brown. The cornices of the building are boxed and returned at the gable ends; there is a single 2/2 window within the returned cornices at the west gable end. The roof of the building is of tin and there is a heavy corbelled brick chimney near the center of the ridge line just south of the ridge. The building rests on a concrete block foundation. Attached to the east (rear) gable end is a two-story, two-bay-deep, shed-roof kitchen wing with the same siding and window treatment. This house stands as part of a complex of farm buildings. A short distance to the northwest near Molly Berry Road is a barn/shed structure, and to the northeast a frame storage shed. Farther to the northeast is an old stable building, and farther east at the edge of the field is a large tobacco barn. These five buildings are all that remains of the North Keys community.

Significance:

The H. Harrison Sasscer house is an example of plain front-gabled vernacular dwelling of the early twentieth century. It was built by Henry Harrison Sasscer for one of his daughters, and it stood in a complex of buildings in a rural area known as North Keys. H. H. Sasscer purchased 84 acres of a tract called Keys Quarters in 1872. There at the corner of the roads leading to Croom, Nottingham and Brandywine, he opened and operated a general store. North of the store stood the local polling place, and Sasscer's house north of that. To the north and east spread his farm establishment. Except for some of the farm buildings, these structures no longer stand. The subject house was constructed ca. 1920 east of the store, for one of Sasscer's daughters, Margaret Devaughn. It was a simple front-gabled frame dwelling, with side hall-and- double-parlor plan. Over the years, it has seen minor changes, including the screening of the one-story Victorian porch across the main facade. It stands now with the few surviving farm buildings, as the only reminder of the crossroads community of North Keys.

Acreage: 6.78 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic H. H. Sasscer House

and/or common House at North Keys

2. Location

street & number 13120 Molly Berry Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Upper Marlboro, North Keys ☐ vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland 20772 county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Hilda Zehner

street & number 3019 Davidsonville Road telephone no.: 798-5083

city, town Davidsonville state and zip code MD. 21035

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5178

street & number Main Street folio 593

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The H. Harrison Sasscer House is a two-and-one-half-story frame house, set at the corner of a field near the intersection of Molly Berry and Candy Hill Roads, in the area known as North Keys. It is a front gabled structure, three bays by four bays, with a shed-roofed rear kitchen wing. Entrance is in the first bay of the west gable end of the main block. Across this (principal) gable end runs a one-story shed-roofed porch with turned bracketed posts. The porch is now fully screened. The building is sided with rectangular lapped shingle painted beige. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash, with plain board surrounds which are painted dark brown. The cornices of the building are boxed and returned at the gable ends; there is a single 2/2 window within the returned cornices at the west gable end. The roof of the building is of tin and there is a heavy corbelled brick chimney near the center of the ridge line just south of the ridge. The building rests on a concrete block foundation.

Attached to the east (rear) gable end is a two-story, two-bay-deep, shed-roof kitchen wing with the same siding and window treatment.

This house stands as part of a complex of farm buildings. A short distance to the northwest near the Molly Berry Road is a barn/shed structure, and to the northeast a frame storage shed. Farther to the northeast is an old stable building, and farther east at the edge of the field is a large gable-roofed tobacco barn. These five buildings are all that remains of the North Keys community. Early in this century there were two other buildings just west of this house: the North Keys store and post office, and immediately to its north, the polling place. These buildings were destroyed in the last half century.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G. #86A-19

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

Specific dates ca. 1920

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The H. Harrison Sasscer house is an example of plain front-gabled vernacular dwelling of the early twentieth century. It was built by Henry Harrison Sasscer for one of his daughters, and it stood in a complex of buildings in a rural area known as North Keys.

H. H. Sasscer purchased 84 acres of a tract called Keys Quarters in 1872. There at the corner of the roads leading to Croom, Nottingham and Brandywine, he opened and operated a general store.¹ This rural cross-roads community included the North Keys elementary school across the Nottingham road to the south (no longer standing), and the Brookfield Methodist Church (cf. P.G. #82B-13) to the east. On Sasscer's property stood his store, the local polling place to its north, and his dwelling north of that. To the north and east spread his farm establishment. Except for some of the farm buildings, these structures no longer stand.²

The subject house was constructed ca. 1920 behind (to the east of) the store, for one of Sasscer's daughter Margaret Devaughn. It was a simple front-gabled frame dwelling, with side hall-and-double-parlor plan. Over the years, it has seen minor changes, including the screening of the one-story Victorian porch across the main facade. It stands now with the few surviving farm buildings, as the only reminder of the crossroads community of North Keys.

Notes:

¹ Prince George's County Deed HB #5:549; G. M. Hopkins Atlas of... Prince George's County, 1878.

² G. M. Hopkins, op.cit., conversation with owner's family.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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cf. Chain of Title
cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 6.78 acres,

TM 147 p. 36

Quadrangle name Brandywine, Section C

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl Research Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission date July 1985

street & number c/o County Planning Division,
M-NCPPC, County Administration Bldg., telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
NORTH KEYS STORE AND POST OFFICE				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Rock Branch Road and Naylor-North Keys Road				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Croom				
STATE		COUNTY:		
Maryland		Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
				Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
4. PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
5. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Hilda M. Windsor				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
6. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE		
Upper Marlboro		Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
7. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
NONE				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
NEET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The structure has an end-gabled, three bay main (west) facade with a shingled gable. A one-story porch extends across the facade. The windows are 2/2 double hung sash. The chimney is near the center of the house, which may have originally been a smaller building.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarion | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: CHRISTOPHER OWNES, PARK HISTORIAN	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 28 August '74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

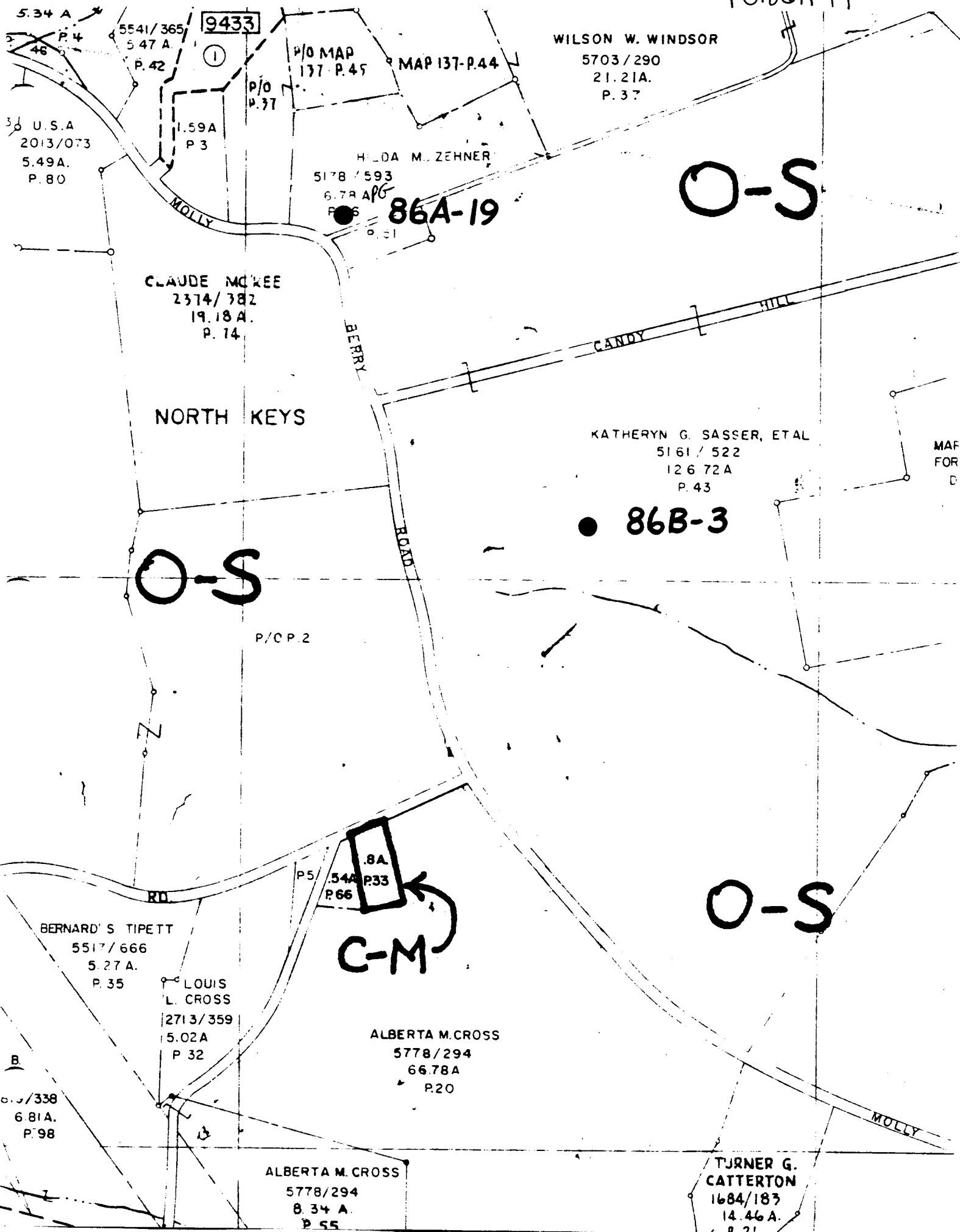
Signature _____

Chain of Title

H. H. Sasscer House
P.G. #86A-19

#5178:593 14 Sept 1979 Deed	Hilda Marie Windsor Zehner to Hilda Marie Zehner, 6.78 acres, same acquired by #2656:251 (for purpose of name change).
#2656:251 2 Mar 1962 Deed	Michael E. Windsor to Hilda Marie Windsor, 6.78 acres by 1962 Latimer survey, part of the property which grantor acquired by #2632:276.
2632:276 12 Dec 1961 Deed	Harrison W. Windsor, widower, surviving tenant by entireties, to Michael E. Windsor, Parcel H as surveyed by Latimer in 1961; being part of the property which grantor and wife acquired by #669:323.
#669:323 5 June 1942 Deed	Henry H. Sasscer, Jr., and wife Gertrude, to Harrison Wade Windsor and wife Eliza; 84 acres known formerly as Keys Quarters, now as North Keys; same which grantor acquired by #99:191.
#99:191 21 July 1914 Deed	H. H. Sasscer to H. H. Sasscer, Jr., for \$4,000, 84 acres known formerly as Keys Quarters, now as North Keys, which grantor acquired by HB#5:549.
HB#5:549 6 Feb 1872 Deed	James H. S. and Sarah A. E. Gibbons to H. H. Sasscer, for \$3,655, 84 acres, tract known as Keys Quarters.

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Wyvil

Branch

Mataponi

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ADC of Alexandria, Inc., 1993

Hennessy

Rock

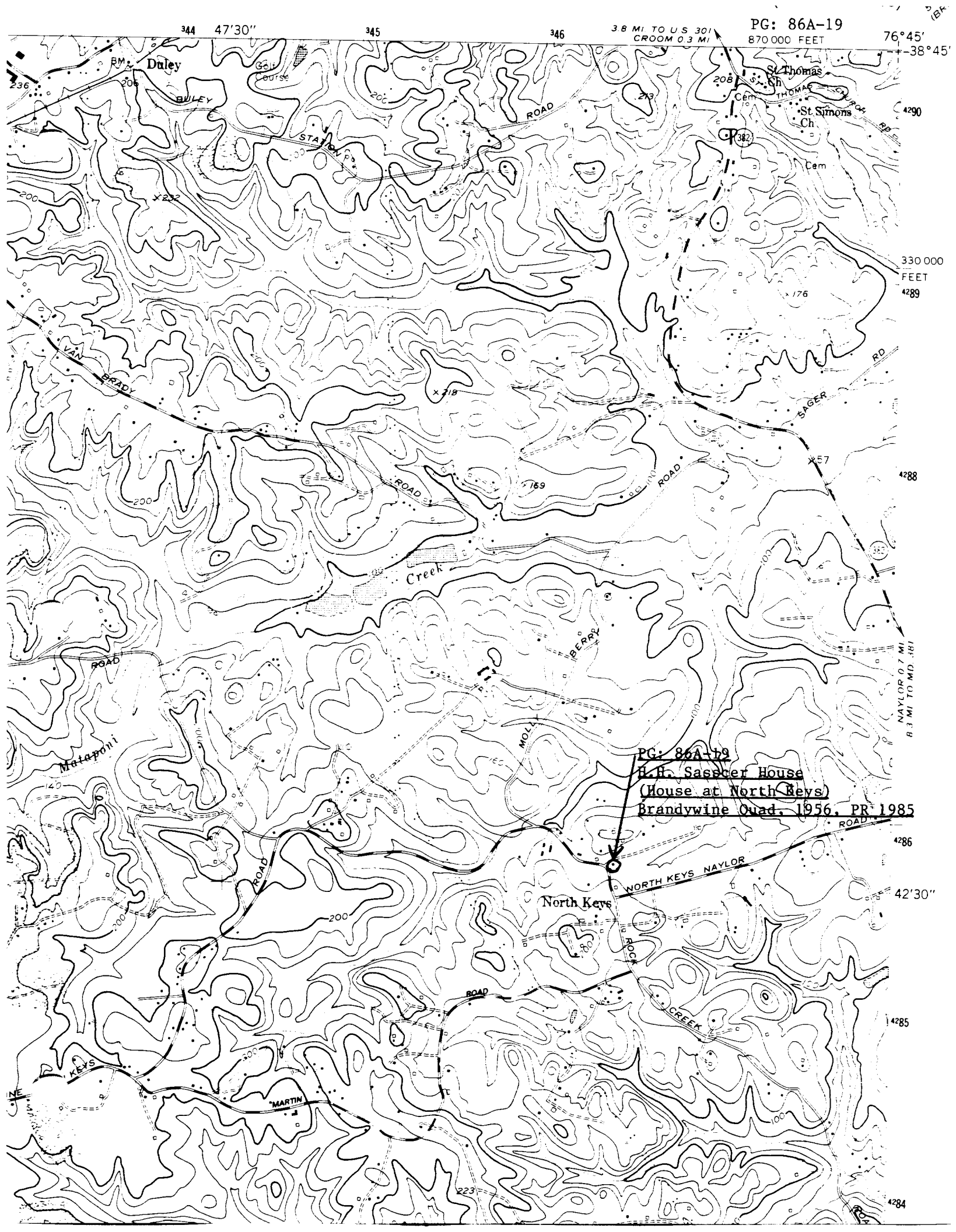
Creek

3-20200

Joins Map 40

76°47'30" 860,000 FT

870,000 FT 76°4



344 47'30"

345

346

3.8 MI. TO U.S. 301
CROOM 0.3 MI.

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870 000 FEET

76°45'
38°45'

Duley

BULEY

ST. THOMAS

St. Thomas

St. Simons

Cem

330 000
FEET

4289

4288

4287

4286

42'30"

4285

4284

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H. H. Sasser House

(House at North Keys)

Brandywine Quad, 1956. PR 1985

North Keys

NORTH KEYS NAYLOR

ROCK

CREEK

MARTIN

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H.H. Sasscer House at North Keys

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

Southwest 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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H.H. Sasscer House at North Keys
Prince George's County, MD.

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April 1985

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NAME TOBACCO BARN - AT NORTH KEYS STORE

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LOCATION MOLLY BERRY / NORTH KEYS RD NAYLOR, MD

FACADE SE

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